THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) **Yes,** ir. A study to identify the IAF's most bird hit prone airfields has been done.

(b) Based on the study, depending upon the hazard level, IAF airfields have been placed in three categories for remedial action. The yearly average loss suffered by IAF due to bird strike$_s$ in terms of replacement cO' ts is approximately Rs, 50 crores.

(c) Measures have been taken in consultation with Ministries of UrbatJ Development, Agriculture and the concerned State Governments for sanitation of areas around the IAF airfields.

Noji-utilisat'-on of ordnance- facilities

350. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Ordnance facilities lie unused" as reported in Statesman dated 24th October, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the additional ordnance facilities in various factories are lying unused:

(c) if so, the facts and detail.^{7}, thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) Yes, Sir.

(•b) to $^{(,!i}$ Indigenous production of 155 mm ammunition has already been started.

Compcnsionate appointments for words of employees dy'ng in harness

351. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to *

(a) what, is the number of applicants, for compassionate appointments of the wards of the employees who died in harness during 1971 but still pending with the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases the Government have been delaying the process due to one reason or the other inspire $_0$f the applicant persuing the matter continuously;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider the appointment in the lower formations of the Ministry to mitigate the hardships being faced by the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) None, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

FAEAM—9000

352. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHAR-MA: Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India exhibited its first "PARAM-9000" an open system super computer —at "Super Computer 94" air held at Washington recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this computer is priced half of the similar type of computer developed by some of the Western countries; and

(cl if so. the respnse of the computer market to this new develop-

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Centre for Develpment of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)) an autonomous registered Society under the Department of Electronics exhibited its second generation Parallel Supercomputer PARAM 9000 in the Supercomputing 94 exhibition held at Washington from November 14—18, 1994.

lb) The prices of Supercomputers largely depend upon the configuration, lo meet the requirement of the users Also vendors of Supercomputers decide the end user price on a case [to] case basis. Initial pricing information offered by vendors like IBM, CRAY to some end users a^ well as broad prices published by international news agency in High Performance Computing wire (HPC wire) indicate that the price of PARAM 9000 is 20 per cent to 50 per cent lower than the prices of equivalent machines from CRAY and IBM.

(c) During Supercomputing '94 exhibition, PARAM 9000 has received enthusiastic response. However to cater to international market, specifically to US it is essentia[l] to have strategic alliances with US companies to market and support PARAM machines.

Status Report of Electronic Industry

353. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a Status Report on Electro nic Industry in India:

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRON [f]CS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) and to) Yes, Sir. The Department of Eiei rooks has brought out a 'Guide to E'ec-tronic Industry in India as a basic reference source for all informs ioni on the Indian Electronics Iiidu.ry It covers a wide range of informs, ion such as;

1. Manufacturers Directory

2. Product Directory

3. Export Froduct Direct."

4. Timeseries Data on 1 tion & Exports.

5. Electronics Units in States etc.

The first edition of the Guide was brought out in 1992 and second edition in 1993.

(c) No further action is propposed to be taken in the matter.

Officials in Kashmir

354. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA; Will the PRIME MINIS- rri, be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of G v- emment has been drawn to a ri ws item published in the Dainik ran (Hindi) dated the 18th N ber 1994 under the Caption "Kashmir ke Rashtra Drohi Afsuron ko Samman dene ki kuchestha";

(b) if so, the number of such e&3es during the last three years; and